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# AN INVITATION TO DISCOVER MALAYSIA'S TREASURES IN '94



*Greetings from the Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism*



A great deal of planning has been done both by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism and the private sector to make Visit Malaysia Year '94 a truly memorable and fascinating year for tourists. With its great natural beauty, cultural diversity and strategic location at the heart of South-East Asia, Malaysia promises every tourist an unforgettable experience. This will be even more so in 1994 because of the exciting programmes and events put together to show the unique facets of Malaysia's attractions.

Special attention has been placed on Malaysia's unmatched natural wonders such as the world's oldest rainforests and unspoilt beaches.

There will be a year-round, exciting and fun-filled calendar of events organised to complement the year-round sunny weather that you can expect in Malaysia.

In addition, new tourist attractions and resorts are continually being developed to allow tourists to truly experience all that Malaysia has to offer.

All in all, the whole nation will be looking forward to giving every tourist naturally more in 1994.

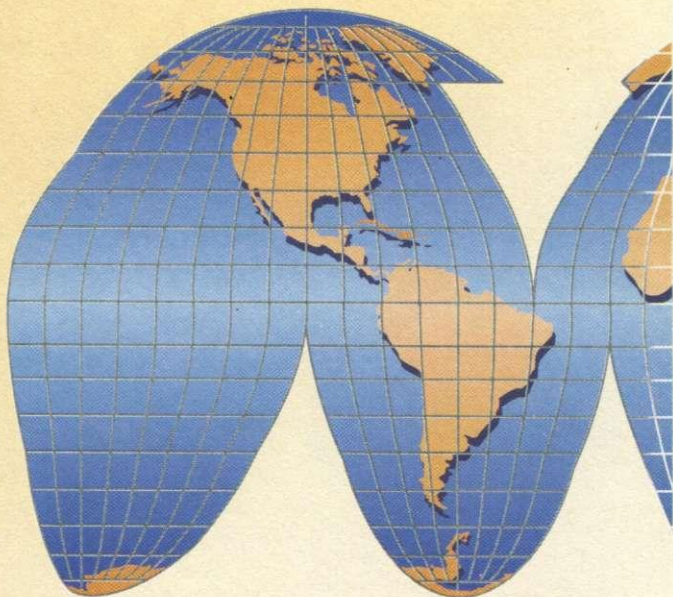
I wish all of you a wonderful holiday and I take this opportunity to bid all tourists a very warm "Selamat Datang".

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(DATO' SABBARUDDIN CHIK)

# FASCINATING MALAYSIA - THE



Malaysia is an amalgamation of all the fascination and mystery of the East. Its rich mix of unique culture, history and natural attractions make it a destination unrivalled by any other in the world. And its superb location at the heart of South-East Asia has made Malaysia a magnet for travellers from around the globe for centuries.

Renowned in the days of old as "The British East Indies" and "The Fabled Spice Islands of the East", Malaysia today has retained much of the charm and enchantment of its splendour-filled cultural heritage.

Malaysia's multi-racial and cosmopolitan population of close to 18 million is made up mostly of Malays, Chinese, Indians and numerous indigenous people.

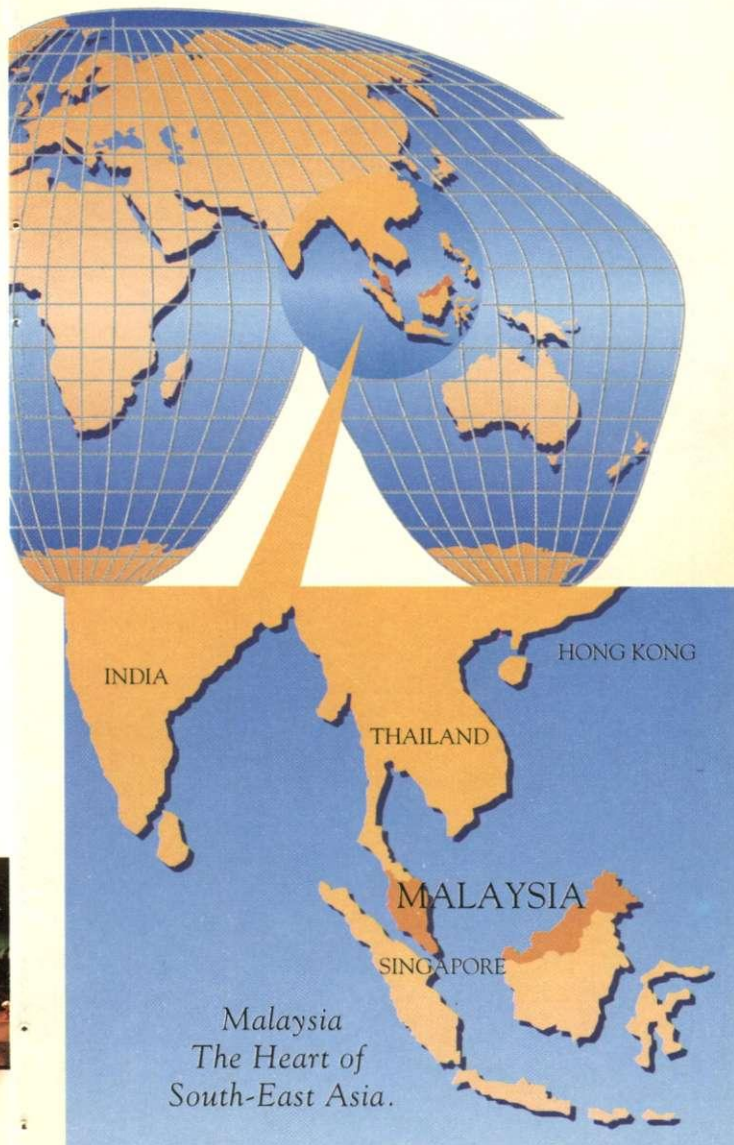
And their ability to live in perfect harmony is truly something to marvel at. Ultimately, Malaysia's success in social integration has resulted in a peaceful environment and political stability much applauded around the world.



Coupled with its natural attractions of lovely sandy beaches, legend-shrouded islands, unspoilt rainforests, magnificent mountains and bewildering array of flora and fauna, Malaysia makes the ideal destination for travellers in search of a truly unique experience.



## HEART OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA



And visitors will find it a fascinating land of contrasts; from 130-million-year-old rainforests to sparkling city centres, from dreamy beach-side huts to international class hotels, from serene village lanes to modern super-highways.

All of these make Malaysia a once-in-a-lifetime experience that promises to be uniquely fascinating to every traveller.



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Visit Malaysia Year 1990 was a significant milestone in Malaysia's tourism annals. Its resounding success has propelled the launching of Visit Malaysia Year '94 to offer tourists more opportunities to experience Malaysia's potpourri of fascinations in 1994.

1994 will be a year of festivities and celebrations, showcasing Malaysia's wealth of cultural and natural heritage as well as its many exciting touristic products and events. Throughout the year, more than 160 major events will be organised for visitors to experience a wide range of diverse interests: sports, arts and cultural activities, events relating to nature and adventure as well as shopping galore. Similar excitement will also be in store for the incentive and convention visitors who plan their trip in 1994.

Coordinated by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism, the Visit Malaysia Year '94 campaign incorporates the efforts of not only government departments and agencies but also private sector organisations and corporations involved in tourism. As in 1990, this team will work together towards achieving the prime objective of making tourism a major sector in the Malaysian economy as well as providing tourists with the endless fascinations available, particularly in 1994.

We take this opportunity to wish all tourists a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing you in Malaysia in 1994. You will all be truly fascinated since there'll naturally be more in '94!!!



Malaysia is an endless adventure. Each State has something special to offer. **Perlis**, the northern-most state in Malaysia, is well known for its quaint villages. It is famed for its mangoes. Of special interest is the Snake Farm which houses a large collection of poisonous as well as non-poisonous snakes.

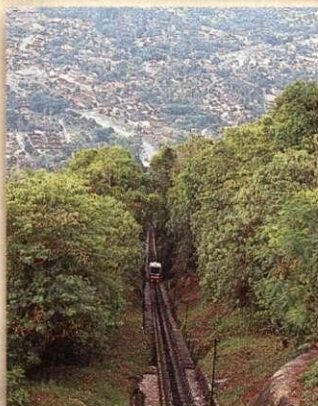
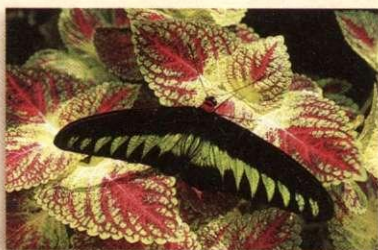
Gua Kelam, Kaki Bukit in Perlis is a 370-metre long limestone cave at the small town of Kaki Bukit. Of special interest is the tin mine located inside the massive cave.

In **Kedah**, there is the Bujang Valley. It is believed that the valley was an important trade centre between the 5th and 8th centuries AD. So far, more than 40 temple sites have been discovered. An archaeological museum at Bukit Batu Pahang houses artifacts, books and documents of the valley.

Then there is Pulau Langkawi which is actually a group of 104 islands. The islands are steeped in history and offer facilities for swimming, scuba-diving and boating. This island paradise is perfect for nature lovers or anybody who just wants to get away. Duty-free shopping is also available at Langkawi which is a free port.

Next, we have **Penang**. With its wonderful beaches, temples, shops and resorts, there is much to see and do. Little wonder then that they call Penang the 'Pearl of the Orient'.

Visit the Butterfly Farm at Teluk Bahang. This is the world's first 'live' butterfly exhibition and houses over 100 species of butterflies and local insects in





their natural habitat. There are about 4,000 to 5,000 butterflies there at any one time.

But Penang is not just sun and surf. There is Penang Hill with its cosy bungalows and hotels. The refreshing air up here is a nice change from the humid temperatures down below.

If you have had enough of beaches, there is **Perak**. Visit Ipoh, the town that tin built, and savour some of the best of Malaysian cuisine.

Agriculture Park in Shah Alam – the world's first and only agroforestry park.

Nature-lovers in search of the unusual will love the fireflies in Kuala Selangor. Ride down the river as fireflies light up the vegetation on both sides of the river. Simply magical!

And then, there is Taman Tasik Perdana (Lake Gardens) in **Kuala Lumpur** which is popular with joggers. Visit the bird and deer parks and orchid, butterfly and



But if you are still hankering for a beach holiday, there is Pangkor Island which is just 88 km southwest of Ipoh. Beautiful beaches, quiet fishing villages and evergreen forests ... what more could you ask for.

And when you are in **Selangor**, visit the Bukit Cahaya Seri Alam

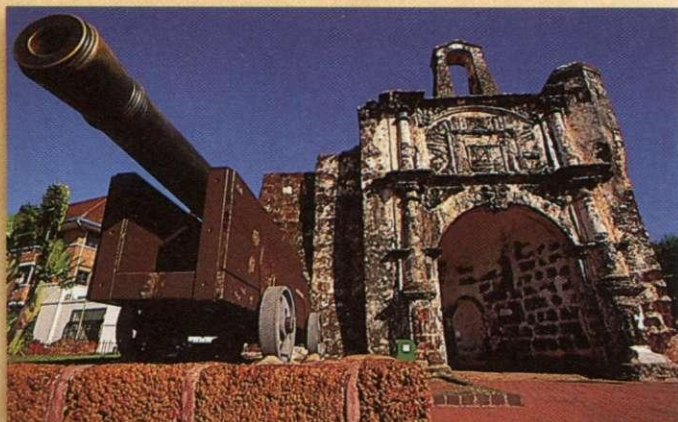
hibiscus farms to learn more about the flora and fauna of the country.

But if it is history you are after, there are the States of **Negeri Sembilan** and **Malacca**. The Istana Lama Seri Menanti in Negeri Sembilan was the official residence of the Yang Di-

Pertuan Besar, the state ruler, until 1931. This elegant Minangkabau-style building, just 32 km east of Seremban, is a popular tourist stop. Made entirely of wood, the palace has beautiful intricate carvings bearing various local motifs.







Negeri Sembilan also boasts a popular beach – Port Dickson. A favourite of local holiday makers, it has inviting beaches and cosy bungalows, chalets and international-class hotels.

Further down the coast is **Malacca**, recently declared a historical city. It is one of the oldest towns in the country and is rich in culture and history.

Colonised by the Portuguese, Dutch and British, there are plenty of architectural remains around the city. There are many interesting things to see and savour here; A Famosa (an old Portuguese fortress), the Portuguese Square, The Stadhuys (an old Dutch building), St Paul's Church, Tranquerah Mosque, St Peter's Church, Christ Church, Cheng Hoon Teng Temple and the Baba Nyonya museum. There is also Pulau Besar located in the Straits of Malacca. Its shady beaches are popular with picnickers. Also good for swimming, fishing, camping and snorkelling.

In **Johor**, there is the Grand

Palace (now the Royal Abu Bakar Museum). This imposing palace in Johor Bahru was built in 1866 by Sultan Abu Bakar, known to many as the Father of Modern Johor. The Sultan personally directed the laying out of the Palace botanical gardens. They cover 133 acres and are a favourite of joggers and picnickers.



The East Coast State of **Terengganu** is famous for its unspoilt beaches. It is also known for its copper works, batik, songket (a rich material interwoven with gold thread) and mat weaving. And every year, giant Leather-back Turtles swim thousands of miles to lay their eggs on the beaches of Rantau Abang. And for those who want a slightly less strenuous holiday, there are idyllic beach getaways here as well.

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Just 55 km from Kuala Terengganu is Kenyir Dam. An angler's paradise, the dam covers about 36,900 hectares with over 200 man-made islands. The surrounding jungle area is also ideal for trekking and nature walks.

In **Pahang**, visit Taman Negara (The National Park), a 130-million-year-old wonder. More than 100 species of plants can be found in one acre of rainforest.

What's more, wild animals can be observed from hides overlooking salt licks. These include tapirs, barking deer, wild boars and sambars. And for the more adventurous, the meandering rivers offer excellent sport.

Pahang also has the best hill resorts; Cameron Highlands, Genting Highlands and Fraser's Hill. They are wonderfully refreshing and are immensely popular on weekends and public holidays.

And when it comes to culture, there's no place like **Kelantan**. To many, it is the cradle of Malay culture. Traditional art, theatrical performances and even their way of life have remained relatively unchanged.

Or perhaps you'd prefer to journey to **Sabah** on the island of Borneo, where Mt Kinabalu, Malaysia's highest peak, awaits. Some 800 types of orchids can be found in Kinabalu Park.

One of the best diving sites in South-East Asia can be found here. Pulau Sipadan boasts unparalleled undersea scenery and marine life, spectacular reefs, caverns, cliffs and overhangs.

Then hop over to **Sarawak** and explore Mulu Caves. The world's largest cavity can be found here; it is large enough to hold seven Boeing 747s. All in all, Malaysia has something for everyone.

■ **Launch of Visit Malaysia Year '94, Kuala Lumpur (Dec 31-Jan 1):** Colourful pageantry to usher in VMY '94. Join the crowds at Merdeka Square to witness the countdown to a year-long celebration of festivities.

■ **Welcome to VMY '94 (Jan 1):** A grand reception on the first day of VMY '94. Drum beats and colourful "Bunga Manggar" welcome for all tourists arriving in Malaysia.

■ **Mentakab-Temerloh Relay Run, Pahang (Jan 1):** Participants from around the country will converge in Mentakab for the inaugural run of the Mentakab-Temerloh Relay Run through the cool jungles of Pahang.

■ **Sarawak Regatta in Kuching, Sarawak (Jan 1):** Re-live the era of the "White Rajahs of Sarawak". Come join thousands of spectators in colourful ethnic costumes as they cheer on their favourite longboats in this spectacular New Year Day regatta.

■ **Perlis Bird Singing Competition, Perlis (Jan 2-4):** Listen to melodious bird songs as prized singing birds from Malaysia and neighbouring countries vie for top honours in this annual competition.

■ **DYMM Sultan of Kedah's Birthday, Alor Setar, Kedah (Jan 23-30):** Colourful pomp and pageantry will be the order of the day during the celebrations of the Ruler's birthday. Join in the festivities which include traditional boat races, cultural shows, exhibitions and sports events.

■ **Kuantan Challenge '94 Boardsailing Regatta, Balok Beach, Kuantan, Pahang (Jan 25-Feb 6):** See the world's best boardsailors compete in the Kuantan round of the Professional Boardsailors Association world tour circuit as they challenge and conquer the giant waves of the South China Sea.

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■ **Thaipusam:** A Hindu festival full of colour, pageantry and throbbing excitement reminiscent of the Mardi Gras. It is an occasion for Hindu devotees to pay homage to Lord Murugan by piercing their bodies with sharp objects and carrying "kavadis" bearing the image of Lord Murugan.



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■ **Federal Territory Day for Kuala Lumpur and Labuan (Feb 1):** Come join the celebrations to commemorate the establishment of the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Labuan. Join the crowds during this public holiday as they are entertained to parades, cultural shows, exhibitions and sports events.

■ **Asian Ramayana Festival, Kuala Lumpur (Feb 1-6):** Be enthralled by the epic tale of the Ramayana as retold in the form of "Cultural Dance Drama", "Contemporary Dance Drama" and "Wayang Kulit". Originating from India and popular in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, the Ramayana has since evolved variations which incorporate elements of the indigenous cultures.

■ **Kedah International Kite Festival, Tanah Merah, Pendang, Kedah (Feb 5-6):** A soaring display as kites of all shapes and sizes from around the world compete to conquer the windy skies.

■ **Perlis Air Carnival, Perlis (Feb 7-10):** Be captivated by the aerial agility of microlight aircraft as flyers from around the world pit their skills against the elements and each other.

■ **Cultural Mart of Setiu, Merang, Terengganu (Feb 18-19):** The cultural wealth of this East Coast State is showcased through exquisite handicraft and colourful performances rooted in the mystical past.

■ **Johor Chingay Procession, Johor Bahru, Johor (Feb 19-21):** See awesome displays of balancing skills as teams vie with one another in carrying "Chingays" — giant flags on top of 18 ft poles. Other performances include lion dance, dragon dance, stilt walking, traditional music bands, acrobatic acts, floats and large-headed dolls.

■ **Perlis Orchid Week, Perlis (Feb 19-24):** A must for horticulturists and floral enthusiasts as orchids of every variety bloom under the tropical sun.



■ **Cultural Mart of Kemaman, Chukai, Terengganu (Feb 25-26):** A showcase of the cultural heritage of Terengganu with demonstrations of Gamelan music and traditional dances such as the "Ulek Mayang".





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■ **Chinese New Year (Feb 10-11):** The Chinese community throughout Malaysia will gather for family reunions on the eve of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Lively performances of the traditional lion dances and “open house” in true Malaysian style are held the following day.



■ **Awal Ramadan (February 11):** This marks the beginning of the fasting month for Muslims. For the next 30 days, Muslims abstain from food from sun-up to sundown. In the evenings, breaking the fast is an occasion to savour traditional Malay cakes, pastries and cuisine. During this period, major hotels offer special breaking of fast menus.



■ **Chap Goh Mei (Feb 24):** Chap Goh Mei, which falls on the 15th day of the Chinese New Year, signals the close of the New Year celebrations. It is celebrated on a grand scale by the Chinese community with prayers and offerings.

■ **Regatta Lipa-lipa, Semporna, Sabah:** A finely crafted boat with colourful sails, the lipa-lipa is used for fishing and dwellings. A competition for the best-built boat and a race are among the many highlights.



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■ **The Hornbill Festival, Bintulu, Sarawak (March 1-7):** The fascinating flora, fauna and cultures of the Bintulu region of Sarawak unfold before your very eyes.

■ **Hari Raya Puasa (March 13)**  
A joyous occasion as Muslims celebrate the end of a month of fasting. The day is ushered in with prayers and the holding of "open house" for family and friends. Many tourists will be invited to sample the warm Malaysian hospitality during this occasion.

■ **Langkawi Festival, Langkawi, Kedah (March 25-31):** Re-live the legends as the islands burst into a hive of food, fun and games.





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■ **Kelantan Sepak Takraw Fest, Mini Stadium Pasir Mas, Kelantan (April 1-5):** Be thrilled by the traditional fast-paced, acrobatic game of sepak takraw played with balls made of rattan as local and national teams compete for top honours.

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■ **Kelantan Merbok Singing Competition, Kota Bharu, Kelantan (April 7-8):** A thrilling competition as hundreds of birds reach for the heights in song.

■ **Formula 3000 Speed-boat Race — Malaysian Circuit, Lido Beach, Johor Bahru, Johor (April 8):** Feel the fun and excitement of competition as power boats and yachts race for glory and top prizes. Traditional water sports will also be organised.

■ **DYMM Baginda Sultan of Johor's Birthday, Johor Bahru, Johor (April 8):** The Ruler's birthday is a joyous occasion for a grand celebration. Witness the festivity and gaiety in the State Capital.

■ **Malaysia World Motor-cycle Grand Prix, Shah Alam, Selangor (April 15-17):** The thrills and spills of world-class motorcycling as top riders and their mean machines battle to be "King" of the circuit.

■ **Malacca Historical City Celebration & Towards 600th Anniversary Celebration, Malacca (April 15-24):** Re-live the glory of the Malacca Empire in this celebration to commemorate Malacca as a historical city. Festivities include cultural shows by local and foreign cultural troupes.

■ **International Freshwater Fishing Competition, Kenyir Lake, Terengganu (April 21-24):** Join an international line-up of anglers as they compete to land the biggest catch of this 4-day event. Among the variety of tropical freshwater fish include the "baung", the fierce "toman", "lampan" and "arowana".







■ **DYMM Sultan of Perak's Birthday, Kuala Kangsar, Perak (April 23):** This royal town on the banks of the Perak River comes alive as cultural shows, traditional games and exhibitions on the Malay Sultanate are held to mark the Ruler's birthday.

■ **Festival of Traditional Dances and Music, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang (April 25-30):** Join in this colourful festival as Malaysian university students perform traditional dances and music.

■ **DYMM Sultan of Terengganu's Birthday, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu (April 29-May 1):** Three days of joy as crowds

celebrate the Ruler's birthday with performances of the "Ulek Mayang" dance, "Gamelan" music and "Wayang Kulit" shows.

■ **Lipis Carnival, Kuala Lipis, Pahang:** A week-long festival featuring go-kart racing, international boat and canoe races, folk games and cultural shows.

■ **Exhibition on Malaysia's Architectural Heritage, National Museum, Kuala Lumpur:** Come view the unique domestic dwellings of the major races of Malaysia. The traditional architecture of the different Malay houses is a living testimony of superb craftsmanship that has been passed down from generation to generation.





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■ **Castrol Malaysia Motorcross Championship Circuit One, Sg Batu Pahat, Perlis (May 1-2):** An exciting test of skill and endurance for riders and their machines.



■ **Perlis Agriculture Expo, Perlis (May 1-5):** An agricultural expo with cultural and modern entertainment and food fairs.

■ **Hari Raya Haji (May 20):** Hari Raya Haji marks the 10th day of the month of Zulhijjah, the 12th month of the Muslim calendar. During this month, Muslims perform the Haj or the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. The occasion is celebrated with the offering of thanksgiving prayers and sacrifice of goats and cows to be distributed to the poor in the morning. "Open house" will be held throughout the day.

■ **Cultural Mart of Hulu Terengganu, Kuala Berang/Sekayu, Terengganu (May 20-21):** Terengganu's cultural heritage is showcased in traditional dance performances, silat demonstrations and display of handicraft. Nearby Sekayu Waterfalls is the ideal setting for a picnic and a cool dip.

■ **Sabah Fest, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (May 20-29):** A showcase of the natural and cultural heritage of "The Land Below the Wind" displayed through traditional dances, music, handicraft and food.

■ **4th Annual Cherating Sand Castle Building Competition '94 "My Dream Home & Garden", Cherating Holiday Villa, Kuantan, Pahang (May 21):** Don't miss the opportunity to participate and show off your creativity in Malaysia's Sand Castle Building Competition and win fabulous prizes.

■ **Malacca Tourism Week, Malacca (May 21-28):** A lively celebration featuring food festivals and cultural performances at the State's leading hotels.

■ **Ipoh Half Marathon '94, Perak Stadium, Ipoh, Perak (May 24):** See thousands of runners taking off from the Perak



Stadium through the streets of Ipoh in this race of strength and stamina.

■ **6th Ipoh City Day Celebration, Ipoh, Perak (May 27-30):** Join the crowds in celebrating City Day. Highlights include a Bougainvillea Exhibition and Competition and other cultural programmes.

■ **Borneo International Triathlon, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (May 29):** See international triathletes swim, cycle and run in this gruelling sporting event.

■ **KL International Marathon, Kuala Lumpur (May 29):** Join thousands of runners as they pound the tree-lined streets of the nation's capital in their quest for the championship.

■ **Gawai Dayak, Kuching, Sarawak (May 29-June 2):** Join in the harvest celebrations of the Ibans and Bidayus as they gather in their traditional longhouses for family reunions, games and feasting.

■ **Malaysia International Kite Festival, Tumpat, Kelantan (May 29-June 2):** Watch as kites of every shape and size including the giant 3.5 metre-long "moon"

and "peacock birds" take to the skies in this competition.

■ **Kaamatan Festival, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (May 30-31):** The Kaamatan (Harvest Festival) is celebrated by the Kadazans/Dusuns to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. Highlights include a beauty contest, cultural dances and rituals culminating in the thanksgiving ceremony performed by the Bobohizan or high priestess.

■ **Penang Bridge Run, Penang:** See thousands of runners compete in this race across the world's third longest bridge.

■ **Wesak Day :** This is the most important day of the Buddhist calendar as it marks the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha. Buddhist devotees will gather in temples throughout the country to release small birds and to offer prayers. Wesak is also an occasion to offer alms to monks.





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Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The Hijrah is the journey of the Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina on the first of Muharram in 622 AD from which day the Islamic calendar begins. Religious discussions and lectures are held to commemorate the day.

■ **Malaysia International Kite Festival, Tumpat, Kelantan (May 29-June 2):**

Watch as kites of every shape and size including the giant 3.5 metre-long "moon" and "peacock birds" take to the skies in this competition.

■ **Gawai Dayak, Kuching, Sarawak (May 29-June 2):**

Join in the harvest celebrations of the Ibans and Bidayus as they gather in their traditional longhouses for family reunions, games and feasting.

■ **Birthday of HM the Yang DiPertuan Agong, Kuala Lumpur (June 4):**

The nation's capital is gaily decorated and bathed in colourful lights as Malaysians celebrate the King's birthday. Watch cultural shows, traditional games and other interesting entertainment to mark this auspicious occasion.

■ **Malaysia Airlines International Dragon Boat Race, Batu Uban, Penang (June 4-5):**

A sight to behold, watch 12-metre longboats decorated like water dragons soar across the blue waters in the race for honours.

■ **Fraser's Hill International Bird Race, Fraser's Hill, Pahang (June 4-5):**

A fun race among teams of three or more members who compete in sighting and recording as many different species of birds within a stipulated time.

■ **International Deep Sea Fishing Competition, Mersing, Johor and Tioman, Pahang (June 4-6):**

The water off the coast of Mersing is famous among



anglers. Areas particularly rich in fish are those between the islands where the coral reefs provide a haven for fishes.

■ **Sabah International Dragon Boat Race, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (June 5):** Held annually since 1986, this dragon boat race is held in conjunction with the Chinese "tuan wu" (dumpling) festival. Regional and international teams are expected.

■ **Malacca Dragon Boat Competition, Klebang, Malacca (June 12):** Witness an exciting competition as fierce dragon boats race one another up the Straits of Malacca.

■ **Perak River Safari, Perak River, Perak (June 15-18):** Venture down the Perak River—the longest river in Peninsular Malaysia, in a raft, canoe or boat and discover the river's varied flora and fauna.

■ **World Tae-Kwan-Do Tournament, State Stadium Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu (June 17-29):** About 70 countries from all over the world will participate in this tournament. At least 15 athletes will represent each country.



■ **Squid Fishing Festival, Kapas Island, Terengganu (June 17-18):** Known locally as "Candat Sotong", this event is held during the squid season. From the beaches, one can see strings of twinkling lights floating in the seas at night. Generator-powered neon lamps or hurricane lamps are hung in rows by the side of the fishing boats to attract the squids which come in hundreds.

■ **Penang Handicraft Expo, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang (June 18-21):** Lots of handicraft from all over the country will be on display plus demonstrations on how they are made.



■ **Festival of San Pedro, Portuguese Settlement, Malacca (June 24-26):** A delightful cultural event where the descendants of early Portuguese settlers celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of fishermen, San Pedro. The fishing boats, which are colourfully decorated for the festival, are blessed and prayers offered for a better season.

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■ **National Park July Fest, National Park, Pahang (July 1-31):** A month-long treat for nature lovers as they get to know more about the world's oldest jungles. There will be exhibitions of the culture and art of the Orang Asli (Aborigine) people.

■ **Johor Tourism Exposition, Johor Bahru, Johor (July 2-4):**

An annual event, it is aimed at giving information on tourism activities and facilities available in Johor to local as well as foreign tourists. Handicraft and fruits exhibitions will also be held plus traditional games and cultural shows.

■ **Flora Festival, Kuala Lumpur (July 3-10):** Be enthralled by the sights and scents of Malaysia's floral splendour during this week-long festival. Don't miss the Flora Parade — the highlight of the Fest — as beautifully decorated floats wind their way through the streets of Kuala Lumpur.



■ **DYMM Raja of Perlis' Birthday, Perlis (July 10-11):** Visit the "Sugar" State during the festivities to commemorate the Ruler's birthday. Highlights of the event are cultural shows, demonstrations of "silat" and an exhibition of sugar cane pressing.

■ **Penghulu Mengadap Ceremony, Seri Menanti, Negeri Sembilan (July 14-16):** Witness this unique ceremony full of pomp and tradition held once every three years as local chiefs or "Penghulu" reaffirm their pledge of allegiance to the Ruler. Highlights include a special exhibition of traditional costumes and arms.



■ **International Conference and Festival of Dance Academy, Kuala Lumpur (July 15-21):** The dances of the Asia-Pacific region are the focus of this not-to-be-missed experience.

■ **Turtle Watching, Rantau Abang, Terengganu (July 15-Aug 15):** Catch a glimpse of Giant Leatherback Turtles that come from as far as the Atlantic Ocean to lay their eggs in the soft welcoming sands of Terengganu.

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■ **DYMM Yang DiPertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan's Birthday, Seri Menanti & Seremban, Negeri Sembilan (July 16):** The Royal town of Seri Menanti is the venue for the celebration of the Ruler's birthday. Among the many planned highlights include parades and cultural performances in Seremban.

■ **Kelantan International Drum Festival, Kota Bharu, Kelantan (July 17-21):** Move to the beat of the Rebana Ubi, the giant drums of Kelantan. The star attraction of this festival of percussion, the Rebana Ubi's thunderous roll can be heard miles away!

■ **Perlis Telematch, Kuala Perlis, Perlis (July 19-21):** Join in the fun and games featuring traditional and modern games.

■ **Sago Palm Festival, Kuala Penyu, Sabah (July 23-24):** Hunt for bargains at the local "tamu" or open air market for food, handicraft, traditional medicine and household items made from the sago palm.

■ **Kelantan Cultural Week, Kota Bharu, Kelantan (July 25-29):** An excellent way to catch the best of Kelantan in one place featuring performances of traditional court and folk dances and demonstrations of the State's traditional handicraft



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■ **Cameron Highlands Flower Fest, Cameron Highlands, Pahang (Aug 6-14):** Discover Malaysia's famed hill resort during this festival of demonstrations, competitions, parades, exhibitions, cuisine and traditional cultural shows.

■ **Tamu Besar, Kota Belud, Sabah (Aug 7):** Shop for bargains at the local "tamu" or open air market where your purchase can range from a beaded bracelet to a water buffalo.

■ **Lumut Festival, Lumut, Perak (Aug 10-31):** Home port of the Royal Malaysian Navy, Lumut is the setting for this festival of the sea. Highlights include cultural shows, modern entertainment, water sports and food fairs.

■ **Terengganu Beach Festival, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu (Aug 12-19):** A beach carnival featuring lively cultural shows, traditional games, water sports and "Becathon" — a unique race involving trishaws.

■ **Perlis Handicraft Week, Perlis (Aug 13-18):** See Malaysia's handicraft on display featuring "songket" weaving, batik making and silvercraft.

■ **Port Dickson Festival, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan (Aug 14-31):** Join in the festivities at this popular beach resort. Activities include a beauty contest, arts and craft show, cultural shows, sports events and live entertainment.

■ **Birthday of the State Governor of Malacca, Malacca (Aug 17-31):** Enjoy the birthday celebrations in honour of the State Governor featuring parades, cultural shows and marathons.

■ **Birthday of Prophet Muhammad (Aug 18):** Large-scale gatherings, religious lectures and the reading of Holy verses are held to commemorate the Prophet's birth in 571 AD.

■ **Petronas Rally of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur (Aug 20-23):** Witness the world's best rally



drivers battle for supremacy on Malaysia's unique terrain. Exciting action, powerful cars and high-speed drama set against a back-drop of rich tropical foliage and the local way of life. The best of Man and Machine against the elements. From the colourful start right in the heart of KL City, to the stillness of the plantations — a true adventure, for the top-notch field of participants as well as for the intrepid spectators. Don't miss this world-class rally challenge.

■ **World Superbike 750cc Championship, Pasir Gudang, Johor (Aug 21):** The Johor round of the Superbike counts towards the world championship points as riders take to the circuit to race for top honours and prizes.

■ **National Day Celebrations, throughout Malaysia (Aug 27-31):** Watch the nation celebrate 37 years of independence. Towns and cities throughout Malaysia will be gaily decorated and adorned in bright lights for the grand occasion. Parades, exhibitions, stage shows and other cultural activities will be held.



■ **Selangor Seafood Festival, Bandar Sultan Sulaiman, Port Kelang, Selangor (Aug 30):** This seaside town will be transformed as cultural shows and open air markets get underway on the eve of the National Day.

■ **ASEAN and Pacific Oceania Speed Boat Race, Lido Beach, Johor Bahru, Johor (Aug 31):** An international speed boat race

forms the highlight of this event held in conjunction with National Day.

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■ **Penang International Grand Prix, Batu Uban, Penang:** Cheer on the favourites in this race featuring a line-up of local and international drivers and riders as they race for top honours and prizes in Malaysia's only street circuit.

■ **International Round Island Penang Regatta, Batu Ferringhi, Penang:** A colourful spectacle of sails and seamanship as local and international sailors compete in this sailing event.

■ **Pangkor Half Marathon, Pangkor Island, Perak:** This popular island resort is the venue for this race along the beach. This unspoilt island boasts of some of the most beautiful beaches, evergreen jungles and tranquil fishing villages to be found in Malaysia.

■ **World Aborigine Music Festival, Kuala Lumpur:** Focus on the indigenous music of the world through performances, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops and seminars.

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■ **Malaysia Through the Ages, Stadium Negara, Kuala Lumpur (Sept 1-3):** Political, historical and cultural events from the 11th century to the year 2020 will be presented in tableau, dance and song.

■ **International Orchid Exhibition and Competition, Ipoh, Perak (Sept 1-5):** The tropical rainforests of Malaysia are home to over a thousand species of orchids. Feast your eyes on the many colourful local varieties and international hybrids.

■ **Pantai Merdeka Fest, Pantai Merdeka, Kedah (Sept 1-7):** Enjoy the cultural shows, water sports and food fairs at this popular beach on Malaysia's northwest coast.

■ **Terengganu Bridge Run, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu (Sept 2):** Thousands of runners are expected for this international half marathon. The route takes in the Sultan Mahmud Bridge, the second longest bridge in Malaysia.

■ **Cultural Mart of Besut, Besut, Terengganu (Sept 2-3):** This delightful fishing village is the venue for this exposition of culture. A wonderful opportunity to discover the culture and arts of Terengganu.

■ **Malaysia Airlines — Mt Kinabalu International Climbathon, Kinabalu Park, Sabah (Sept 3-4):** A gruelling race up and down one of South-East Asia's highest peaks.





■ **Tioman International Regatta, Pulau Tioman, Pahang (Sept 3-6):** Boardsailors from around the world will compete in this international event in the waters around this beautiful coral-fringed island.

■ **Orang Asli Cultural Festival, Ayer Keroh, Malacca (Sept 3-9):** Enjoy this week-long festival of aboriginal culture. Highlights include traditional dances and blowpipe demonstrations.

■ **Cherating Beach Run, Cherating Beach, Pahang (Sept 4):** This challenging run offers unusual obstacles and distractions by way of soft sand, steep slopes and panoramic vistas.

■ **Klang International Kart Prix, Port Kelang, Selangor (Sept 4):** Witness stiff competition as the world's best karters compete for glory.

■ **Kelantan Top Spinning Competition, Kota Bharu, Kelantan (Sept 4-6):** Watch giant tops the size of dinner plates and weighing up to 5.5 kg each spin for hours.

■ **Birthday of the State Governor of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (Sept 10):** Join the crowd in celebrating the birthday of the State Governor. Parades, cultural shows and marathons are among the many highlights.

■ **Malaysia Fest, Kuala Lumpur (Sept 10-24):** Come savour the best of Malaysia, all in one place — Kuala Lumpur. For 15 days and nights, this "Garden City of Lights" will come alive with a myriad of handicraft, food, cultural and sporting extravaganza. Truly, a celebration not to be missed!!!

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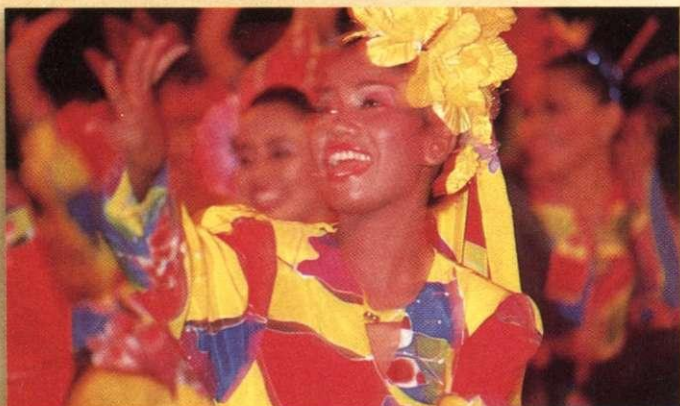
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■ **4-Wheel Drive Expedition, Johor/ Pahang/ Terengganu (Sept 17-24):** 4-wheel drive enthusiasts will be trailing down the scenic routes of the East Coast from Johor to Pahang and Terengganu.

■ **Lantern Festival, Johor Bahru and Penang (Sept 20):** Enchanting lanterns of all shapes and sizes will be on show at a parade held in conjunction with the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival.

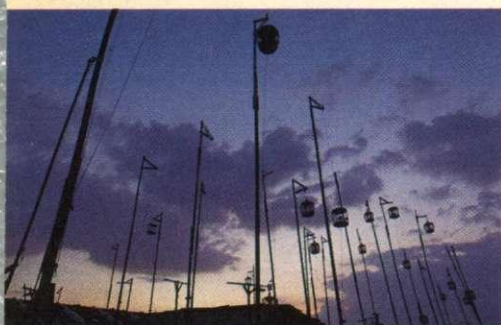
■ **Johor Grand Prix Formula III, Johor Racing Circuit, Pasir Gudang, Johor (Sept 9-11):** The thrills and spills of Grand Prix motor racing as local and foreign riders challenge one another for the championship title.





■ **International Cultural Festival, Shah Alam, Selangor (Sept 24-25):** The State capital of Selangor, with its impressive buildings, is the venue of this festival featuring fascinating traditional dances of many countries.

■ **International Puppet Festival, Kuala Lumpur:** Come see this display of the puppets of the world ranging from string puppets, rod puppets, hand puppets, "bunraku" and shadow puppets.



■ **Malaysian Film Festival and 1994 Film Exhibition, Studio Merdeka Complex, Selangor:** Witness Malaysia's version of the Academy Awards and see top local stars recognised for their work and achievements of the past year. In conjunction, an exhibition on the history of the Malaysian film industry will be held.

■ **Perak International Merbok Singing Competition, Grik, Perak:** The focus is on the "merbok" — a species of bird prized for their melodious singing.

■ **Penang International Triathlon, Batu Ferringhi, Penang:** Watch triathletes compete in this gruelling swimming-cycling-running race for the coveted "Tin Man of Penang" title.





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■ **World Snooker Championship, 1994, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur (Oct 1-15):** Action is hot and fast paced as contestants from 52 countries cross cue sticks for the championship.

■ **Tasik Melati Fest, Perlis (Oct 6-9):** This small picturesque lake dotted with over 150 sandbar islets is the venue for traditional games, food fairs and modern entertainment. Among the traditional dances of Perlis on show are the "Tarian Terinai" and "Tarian Ayam Didik".

■ **Royal Johor Golf Classic, Royal Johor Country Club, Johor Bahru, Johor (Oct 12-16):** The lovely rolling greens of the Royal Johor Country Club is the battleground for over 100 golfers in this Classic Tournament.



■ **World Endurance 750cc Motorcycle Championship, Racing Circuit Pasir Gudang, Johor (Oct 16):** This non-stop 6-hour endurance event is expected to attract top riders from leading manufacturers' teams.

■ **Shopping Carnival, Nationwide (Oct 16-30):** Shop till you drop as the nation's capital and other shopping centres entice you with never-ending bargains and choices of local and foreign goods.

■ **Selangor International Bird Race, Shah Alam & Taman Alam Kuala Selangor, Selangor (Oct 20-21):** Witness this unique race to be held amidst the cool jungles surrounding Shah Alam and the mangrove swamps of Kuala Selangor. Watch as teams of birdwatchers compete to spot and identify the greatest number of birds.

■ **Malacca Carnival, Ayer Keroh, Malacca (Oct 22-30):** Come join in this colourful celebration highlighting Malacca's unique blend of culture and cuisine.

■ **DYMM Sultan of Pahang's Birthday, Pekan & Kuantan, Pahang (Oct 24):** Join in the celebrations on the occasion of the Ruler's birthday in the State capital of Kuantan and the Royal town of Pekan. Highlights include parades, cultural shows and traditional games.

■ **International Yacht Race, Johor Bahru / Mersing / Tioman / Pulau Redang (Oct 27-30):** Local and foreign yachtsmen will compete in the region's most prestigious yachting event. Much of the sailing action will take place in the blue waters off Malaysia's most beautiful islands.

■ **Deepavali:** The Hindu Festival of Lights falls in the Tamil month of Aippasi marking the victory of light over darkness, good over evil. Prayers are offered in homes and temples followed by the traditional "open house" for friends and relatives.

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■ **Penang Festival, Sg Nibong, Penang (Nov 1-30):** An annual trade fair and exhibition featuring locally manufactured goods. Visitors will be entertained by band performances, games and cultural shows.

■ **Negeri Sembilan Cultural Festival, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan (Nov 11-25):** Experience the unique culture of Negeri Sembilan through its foods, craft and traditional games. Negeri Sembilan retains much of the culture of its early Minangkabau settlers. Discover the fascinating custom of "Adat Perpatih" — a matrilineal system still widely practised in the State.

■ **KL-Perlis Rally/Treasure Hunt, Perlis (Nov 13):** It's fun and excitement all the way up north from the nation's capital to Perlis as you hunt for "treasure".

■ **Wayang Kulit Festival, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang (Nov 17-20):** Enjoy the ancient art of shadow puppet theatre featuring tales taken from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

■ **Perlis Festival, Perlis (Nov 20-Dec 21):** Catch the cultural heritage of Perlis in the form of cultural shows, traditional games and exhibitions and demonstrations of handicraft.

■ **Malacca Beach Festival, Klebang, Malacca (Nov 25-28):** Traditional and modern water-sports are the highlights of this festival by the sea.

■ **Kedah Culture Fest, Alor Setar, Kedah (Nov 26-30):** The cultural heritage of Malaysia's "Rice Bowl" State is the focus of this fest. Catch performances of traditional dances such as the lively "Tarian Cinta Sayang".

■ **Rajang River Adventure, Sibul/Kapit, Sarawak:** Malaysia's longest river is the setting for watersport adventure with activities ranging from river rafting, powerboat racing and shooting the rapids. Other highlights include adventure tours to old historical sites and monuments in the Rajang River Basin.

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■ **ASEAN Literature Meet, Morib, Selangor (Dec 3-4):** This seaside resort is the venue for the international exchange of creative literary ideas.



■ **Kelantan Treasure Hunt, Kelantan (Dec 4):** A chance to uncover the rich cultural heritage of Kelantan. Meaning "Land of Lightning", Kelantan is the cradle of Malay culture.

■ **Malaysian Universities and Institutes of Higher Learning Canoeing Regatta, Gombak, Selangor (Dec 13):** Enjoy this colourful spectacle and rivalry as university students take up oars in this annual regatta.

■ **Perlis Wayang Kulit Fest, Perlis (Dec 23-25):** The classic tale of the triumph of good over evil from the great Indian epics — the Ramayana and the Mahabharata — are retold in shadow play.

■ **Christmas Day (Dec 25):** Christmas is celebrated on a grand scale by Christians and non-Christians in true Malaysian spirit. Hotels and shopping complexes are brilliantly decorated and special celebrations are held. Carollers will go from house to house bringing the Yuletide joy. Midnight masses are held in churches throughout the country.



■ **Penang International Kite Competition, Esplanade, Penang:** See large and small colourful kites from all over the world in a fantastic aerial display in the quest for glory in Penang, the "Pearl of the Orient."

■ **Exhibition on International Craft World, National Museum, Kuala Lumpur:** Inaugural exhibition of traditional and modern handicraft of the developing countries.



**Getting To Malaysia**

Getting to Malaysia is very easy with more than 20 airlines serving the country from all over the world. Gateway cities are Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Kuantan, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching if you come by air. By sea, you will arrive at Penang, Port Kelang, Kuantan, Kuching or Kota Kinabalu. A road network from Singapore to Thailand allows you to drive from either of these points into Malaysia.

**The Government**

Malaysia enjoys a parliamentary democracy. The supreme head of state is the King, a constitutional monarch elected for a term of five years at the Conference of Rulers.

The Head of Government is the Prime Minister who is the leader of the party which commands the majority of seats in Parliament.

**The Language**

The national language is Bahasa Malaysia but English is widely spoken as it is taught in all schools. English is also commonly used in business transactions.

**The Climate**

Generally warm throughout the year with temperatures ranging from 21°C to 32°C. Humidity is high all year round. The rainy season of the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia and the north-eastern part of Sabah is during the months of November to February. April, May and October are usually the wet months of the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

**The Currency**

The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit which is divided into 100 sen. Currency

notes are issued in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 ringgit. Coins are issued in 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 sen. Coins of one ringgit denomination are also in circulation.

Travellers cheques can be exchanged for Malaysian Ringgit at any bank, hotel or authorised money changer. Major credit and charge cards such as American Express, Visa, Diners Club and Master Card are accepted in hotels, shopping complexes and restaurants.

**Clothes**

Light, cool and casual. Some establishments require long-sleeved shirts with ties or a batik shirt for the evening. You may need a jacket or cotton sweater for evenings in the highlands.

**Business Hours and Banks**

Generally shops open from 9.30 am to 7 pm while super-markets and department stores operate from 10 am to 10 pm. In Johor, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan and Terengganu, the weekend is on Fridays. Only department stores and main shopping centres open on Fridays.

More than 40 commercial banks operate in Malaysia with over 600 branches throughout the country. Banking hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 10 am to 3 pm.  
Saturday: 9.30 am to 11 am

For Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan and Terengganu, banks open from 10 am to 3 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am on Thursday and close on Friday.

### **Telecommunications**

Malaysia has a comprehensive communication system both internally and with the rest of the world. Overseas calls can be made from telephones with the International Direct Dialling (IDD) facility as easily as local Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD).

### **Visas**

Commonwealth citizens (except from India and Sri Lanka), British protected persons and citizens of the Republic of Ireland, Switzerland, Netherlands, San Marino and Lichtenstein do not need a visa to enter Malaysia. Citizens of the United States, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Japan, South Korea, Austria, Finland, Luxembourg, Iceland, Tunisia, Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, North Yemen, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates do not require a visa for a visit not exceeding three months. French nationals who intend to stay in Malaysia for more than a month are required to obtain a visa.

#### **14-day Visa Free**

For citizens of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria and South Yemen.

#### **7-day Visa Free**

For citizens of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

#### **One-month Visa Free**

For citizens of Asean countries, Laos and Kampuchea.

### **Extension of stay**

Visitors to Malaysia on social visits can extend their stay to six months without any pre-conditions.

### **Customs Allowances**

Items such as cameras, watches, pens, lighters, cosmetics, perfume and portable cassette players are duty free in Malaysia. Visitors bringing in dutiable goods such as video equipment may have to pay a deposit (normally up to 50% of the value) for temporary importation, refundable when they leave. You are advised to carry the receipt of purchase. If you pay any tax or deposit, please ensure that you are given a receipt.

### **Agricultural Restrictions**

Plants and seeds may be imported into Malaysia under permit from the Director-General of Agriculture, Kuala Lumpur. Applications should be made before plants and seeds leave the exporting country. Importation of animals is controlled by regulations. For Peninsular Malaysia, import permits should be obtained from the Director-General, Veterinary Services while in the case of Sabah and Sarawak, applications should be made to the Director of Agriculture of the respective States.

### **Drug Trafficking**

Illegal trafficking of drugs carries the death penalty.

### **Health Regulations**

No cholera or smallpox vaccination is required for travellers entering Malaysia. Vaccination is required for arrivals from infected areas and from yellow fever endemic zones except for children under 1 year of age.



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- Kuah Jetty Complex,  
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### **Malaysia (NTCM)**

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